

STEP 1: Student Information

Student Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Student Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Applicable Term(s) and Enrolled Hours: 2026 Fall – Credits Enrolled: _____ 2027 Spring - Credits Enrolled: _____

I understand that to be considered for the ACU matching portion of this scholarship, I must be enrolled full-time (12 credits or more) and this application, along with the check for that term, must be received by the deadlines listed below.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

STEP 2: To Be Completed by the Church

Church Name: _____

Church Address: _____

Name of Person completing this form: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

List the scholarship amounts per term below and indicate whether the check is attached or will be sent on a future date. Checks for the current term should be sent with the application. However, Spring term’s check may be sent later, closer to the term’s start date.

Please make note of each term’s deadline to ensure each check and application are received by that date for the student to be considered for ACU’s matching portion.

Term	Amount	Check Status (Check One)		Check No.	Deadline for Application
		Attached	Pending Future Date		
Fall 2026	\$				1-Nov
Spring 2027	\$				1-Apr

Total Award Amount for the 2026-27 Award Year: \$ _____

EXCESS FUNDS: If the Church Matching Scholarship creates a credit balance on the student’s account, please identify to whom the refund should be sent:

Please check one: To the Church To the Student

We, the above-named church, enter into an agreement with Arizona Christian University to provide for the student listed above a scholarship for the 2026-27 academic year.

We, the church, have determined the scholarship amount and neither student nor the parent have contributed the amount to have their tuition payment matched or to receive a tax-deductible gift for tuition dollars (see IRS Publication 526).

By signing this document, I certify that I have read this form in its entirety and that the information on this form is accurate and complete.

Church Representative’s Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

PLEASE ENSURE ALL FIELDS ARE COMPLETED. INCOMPLETE FORMS CANNOT BE PROCESSED

Scholarship Information

WHAT IS IT?

Church Matching is a financial aid scholarship program that provides opportunities for local churches to assist ACU students in paying for educational related costs at ACU. To maintain this scholarship the student must continue to serve their church in a reasonable fashion as agreed between the student and the church.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

A student with financial need contacts their local church, fills out the application and requests funds to be sent to Arizona Christian University on their behalf with the accompanying application. When the funds and application are received, Arizona Christian University will match 100% of the funds, up to a maximum of \$500 per semester.

IS IT LEGAL?

Yes, as long as the funds are sent directly from the church to ACU and no family member has made contributions to the local church for the express purpose of funding the church's contribution on behalf of the student. (See your church treasurer for further clarification or see IRS Publication 526).

WHEN IS THE MONEY PLACED ON THE STUDENT'S ACCOUNT?

All contributions by the church and the matching scholarship amounts will be placed on the student's account when the check is received by ACU and when the student has been billed for the applicable term. If the check is received prior to billing, the check will be deposited, and the funds will be held until after billing. If a church plans to participate for fall and spring semesters, separate checks should be issued prior to the beginning of each semester. ACU must receive the church contribution before the scholarship and matching funds are awarded to the student.

CAN THE CHURCH CONTRIBUTE MORE THAN \$500 PER SEMESTER?

Yes, however, Arizona Christian University will only match the maximum of \$500 per semester.

CAN CHURCH MATCHING HAVE AN AFFECT ON OTHER FINANCIAL AID?

In some cases, it can. It is important for the student to talk to their admissions counselor or Enrollment Management Specialist if they are receiving other aid.

CAN CHURCH MATCHING BE USED IN THE SUMMER?

No. Church Matching scholarships are only available for fall and spring semesters. Amounts provided to a student's account by a church for summer classes will not be matched by ACU.

WHAT HAPPENS TO CHURCH FUNDS IF THE STUDENT FOR WHOM THEY ARE INTENDED DROPS OUT OF SCHOOL?

Should the student need to withdraw from Arizona Christian University for any reason, refund policies as outlined in the current Arizona Christian University catalog are in effect.

CAN THE CHURCH MATCHING BE PLACED ON MY ACCOUNT WITHOUT THE APPLICATION?

No. The application must accompany the first church check sent each school year. If application is not received, church funds will be added as a non-Institutional award and will not be matched.

IS THE SCHOLARSHIP RENEWABLE?

Yes, however, a new application must be received each school year or semester (if applicable). Also, this scholarship can be renewed each year for as long as the church deems it appropriate, is satisfied with the student's level of service, and the student is making satisfactory academic progress at Arizona Christian University. Students must be enrolled full-time and eligible for scholarships.

HOW DO I SUBMIT THE COMPLETED FORM?

Mail the completed form and check to:

Arizona Christian University
Attention: Student Accounting
1 West Firestorm Way
Glendale, AZ 85306

WHO MAY I REACH OUT TO WITH QUESTIONS?

For any questions you may have, please feel free to reach out to The Office of Financial Aid via email: financialaid@arizonachristian.edu, or via phone: 602-489-5300.